

NEW YORK STINGY TO ELIJAH

AND IT COSTS TO BE HERE: THE HOST IS FARING ILL.

Constant Application for Cheaper Quarters—Dowie Has Changed His Disposition by the Prophet on the Basis of "My Son, Glad"—Less Abuse.

Dowie, the Restorer, restored himself to some utterance once more last night at his meeting in Madison Square Garden. He did not attempt to improve upon his passages of gospel as he read. He stuck to his text when he delivered his sermon, and otherwise generally disappointed the audience which had gathered in the hope that he would use up to the reputation he gave himself in the first four or five meetings he held in the unrespected sink of iniquity, otherwise known as New York.

In his earlier morning meetings, which were simply attended, Elijah made speeches which rather interested such audiences as he had. At 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning he declared that his son, A. J. Gunderson, of whom he had been so familiarly as "Glad," had not been bestowed "an impure child" upon a female person. Later in the day he modified this.

Overseer Mason, who cannot understand why the Lord left tobacco out of the Ten Commandments, assured the audience that the reason the newspapers of New York failed to see that Elijah was a real prophet was that the Tobacco Trust and the Whiskey Trust had paid the newspapers to malign him.

Overseer Mason assured the congregation that the Rev. Dr. Buckley also was heavily paid by the Devil's trusts to write his magazine article in which he demonstrated that Dowie was only an unusually capable megalomaniac and paranoiac.

At the forenoon meeting Dowie added some details about his son. He said that it was a great thing to have a son who was pure. He knew that his son had never done anything nasty. It was an awful thing, he added, to contemplate the modern society debauchee. "She goes into the 'dance hall' and gets a 'beat' embrace and then 'capers.' (Here Dowie exhibited a caper.) But Glad, though he had been a gay college lad at Harvard, had always been good. How did he know? Glad had told him.

Lots of people, Dowie said, were buried by ministers who lied over their coffins. Most of the people whom, according to the ministers "the Lord had taken away" were taken away by the Devil; as, for instance, the men who smoked tobacco and died of cancer and the women who wore low necked dresses and died of pneumonia.

Dowie went on with the descriptions of the virtues of Glad. He said that he knew that Glad was good now, no matter what he might become in the future. Albert Matthews, the Dowie negro valet, verified this sweeping assertion of the prophet later. He said:

"If the Boss, he say that Mr. Glad he is straight, then he sure must be straight. 'Cause he ain't allowed to do nothing but his father's sight. If he ever done anything wrong, it must been when his father was lookin', and I know he ain't done it then. 'Deed an' I was that boy I'd strike'."

There are many signs that the host is not getting the financial support here that he expected. The Overseers who began by engaging rooms for the Park Avenue Hotel, have taken to cheap boarding houses. Dowie has moved from expensive apartments in an uptown hotel to less expensive rooms in a downtown hotel.

Seven hundred and fifty of the host returned to Zion City yesterday. The two special trains which carry them back will bring to New York next week.

Elijah has ceased cursing the newspapers, apparently, except by way of announcing that he never had any but the slightest acquaintance with Lyman J. Gage, former Secretary of the Treasury.

Deacon Collette, who has charge of the rooming agency, is constantly receiving applications from the host's less expensive rooms than those the applicants took at the beginning. Dowie announced yesterday that many of the Chicago sent him from prominent New York merchants were bogus.

Early in his visit here it was justly announced by several of the leading officers of Dowie's host that Mr. Gage was a fiscal adviser and lacker of Dowie. Now, Dowie says that he only met Mr. Gage once, and that was when Mr. Gage was Secretary of the Treasury.

This statement was ascertained yesterday to be the truth. Overseer Barnard, the director of Dowie's financial schemes, was once an officer of the bank with Mr. Gage. Dowie was formerly connected in Chicago. That was about all.

ANOTHER DOWIE IN BROOKLYN.

"Cyclone" Taylor Also Uses More or Less Strong Language.

While Dowie is using hard words in Madison Square Garden another Westerner is holding forth in Brooklyn. His name is B. S. Taylor, and he hails from Colorado, where he is familiarly known as "Cyclone" Taylor. He is connected with the Pentecostal Church, and is holding a series of meetings in a big tent at Rochester avenue and Dean street in the interest, it is said, of the Utica avenue church of that denomination.

The pastor of the Utica Avenue Church, the Rev. William Howard Hopper, has been many of his congregation, takes an active part in the meetings, and appeals most earnestly for funds to support the Rev. Mr. Taylor's efforts.

The other night a crowd of Taylor's exhortations many women, and white haired men, too, threw themselves down on the straw in front of him and groveled. Women wept and cried. Some of the women seemed to be on the verge of hysterics. Taylor continued his talk until he dropped as if exhausted, buried his head in his hands on the seat of a chair and begged for somebody to take his place.

On the outside of the tent a crowd of boys were blowing fish horns. They beat drums, footed and yelled and some even peeped the tent with stones.

Mr. Taylor's sermon began with a few personal reminiscences of how he used to boat and swim in the Hudson and other waters, immersed all around with the spirit of the Holy Ghost, and he ended by calling on God to send a river through the part of "God-forsaken Brooklyn" in which his tent was pitched, so that he and those with him might fish for the "run soaked suckers and bluebacks and sticklebacks" that now flip around the streets, and for the weasened, dried-up, herring church members.

"Let's have all kinds of fish in the river," he shouted. "Bugs, suckers, sticklebacks, let the old bums and rummies come into this river of ours. Let them come in. We're fishing for 'em. (Cries of "Yes, yes, Amen.") We're going to snag them. Get a lot of these old mossbacks and run soaked thawsed out. Grit, green and greenbacks—what's what we want. You furnish the greenbacks. You dish up the bait. I'll throw the harpoon."

Just about this time there was a shower of stones on the tent.

"There are the bullheads outside," shouted Mr. Taylor. "They are all going down to the pit. We want to bait up and catch them. Let's quit fishing for white fish and bluefish and shad; let's get back the sunfish and bluebacks and sticklebacks. We haven't had a bite for two weeks except by a bullhead or two, full of run. Let's get about the thieving, stealing, sneaky, stinking gunk."

"If you're going to be too nice to snail fish, you can't fish with us. You've got to carry the worms in your mouth, as the little boy did. Pull off your gaiter dills and get down in the mud and the mire until you're shoes go 'squash, squash, splash.' What we want is a lot of jumpers and shouters in line. Let's hang on to God and bait our hooks."

"Come on up and pray," he shouted. Women and the old men crowded to the front, where they dropped on the straw, and from time to time interrupted Taylor's almost frenzied exhortations until nearly every one of them was exhausted from the strain.

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If you were considering the investment of a vast sum in an engineering enterprise, you would not deem it prudent to get the advice of the best engineering talent? That is what *Engineering News* has done for the voters who are to decide on Nov. 3 whether or not they shall spend \$101,000,000 for a large canal.

That journal sent letters to a number of well known engineers asking them what action the people should take with respect to the proposed canal enlargement. "We need hardly say," the letter read, "that it is your free and unbiased opinion which is desired, whether it agrees with the position taken by the editors of this journal or not."

Every precaution was taken to secure an eminently fair jury. The letter was sent only to prominent members of the American Society of Civil Engineers. In making up the list it was decided to exclude engineers connected with the New York canal or who served on the Board of Advisory Engineers for the large canal surveys and who might conceivably hold that they were in honor bound to defend.

On the other hand, in deference to the contention that the trunk line railways are opposed to the project, the jury will be composed of such corporations and identified with railway work were omitted. The names picked were those of men who by their professional standing and reputation and the character of their experience were qualified to take a broad and experienced view of the subject and render a valuable expert opinion.

Twelve of these experts made replies, which are printed in the current issue of the *Engineering News*. The jury is 11 to 1. The twelve replies are all in favor of the canal project. Each has given his personal view, without knowledge of what the others have said, and they present a solid front of solid learning and experience on this subject. The replies are summarized in the *Engineering News* as follows: "No such weight of expert opinion, unbiased and personal, has been presented in favor of the canal project. If, in the face of such testimony, the voters of New York decide to undertake the large canal, well and good. The only point we wish to emphasize, and which we express in our strongly worded reply, is that the engineering profession must not be held responsible for the success of the canal. It is found in later years that it is not the engineering profession, but the politicians, who are the real culprits. The canal project is a political project, and it is for the benefit to commerce and industry is not to be denied. It is a project which is undertaken without warning from the engineering profession."

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